

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated March 25, 2004 and have made changes believed to place the application in order for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

The drawings have been objected to for failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.83(a) and 37 CFR 184(p)(4). Replacement sheets of formal drawings and annotated sheets showing the changes in the replacement sheets are attached hereto for the Examiner's approval.

In response to the Examiner's objections, the term "Prior Art" has been added to FIGs. 1 and 2 as requested by the Examiner. FIG. 3a has been amended as set forth above by adding the reference numbers "510a", "510d", "810b" and "810c" to conform FIG. 3a to portions of the specification. In addition, the specification has been amended as set forth above to correct typographical errors, and to conform the reference numbers and terminology of portions of the specification to the reference numbers of the drawings and to the terminology of portions of the claims. With respect to support plate 408, the Examiner is directed to original paragraph 27, lines 11,12. Claim 24 has been typographically amended. No change to the scope of claim 24 has been made. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

Claims 8 and 40 have been rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite, specifically:

Claim 8, line 8, "said alignment hole" lacks antecedent basis;"

Claim 40, "said alignment gauge member," "said first rotational direction," and "said engagement member" lack antecedent basis. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 8 and 40 are sufficiently definite as filed. However, claims 8, 38 and 40 have been typographically amended to advance prosecution. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims as indefinite should be withdrawn.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Bores et al (US Patent 6,216,874). Claims 19 and 43 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bores et al.

With regard to all the above-stated rejections, Applicants respectfully disagree. However, in order to advance prosecution, the Claims 1, 19, and 43 have been cancelled

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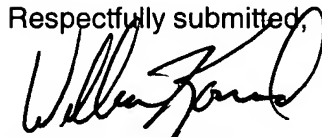
without prejudice, reserving the right to file a continuation application for the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

Claims 2-7, 9-17, and 20-22 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2-7, 9-17, and 20-22 have been amended as suggested. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the objection to these claims should be withdrawn.

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indication of allowability with regard to claims 18, 23-39, 41, and 42. Claims 25-27, 34-39, 41 and 42 have been typographically amended. It is respectfully submitted that claims 25-27, 34-39, 41 and 42 remain allowable.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested and allowance at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



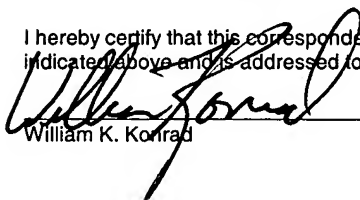
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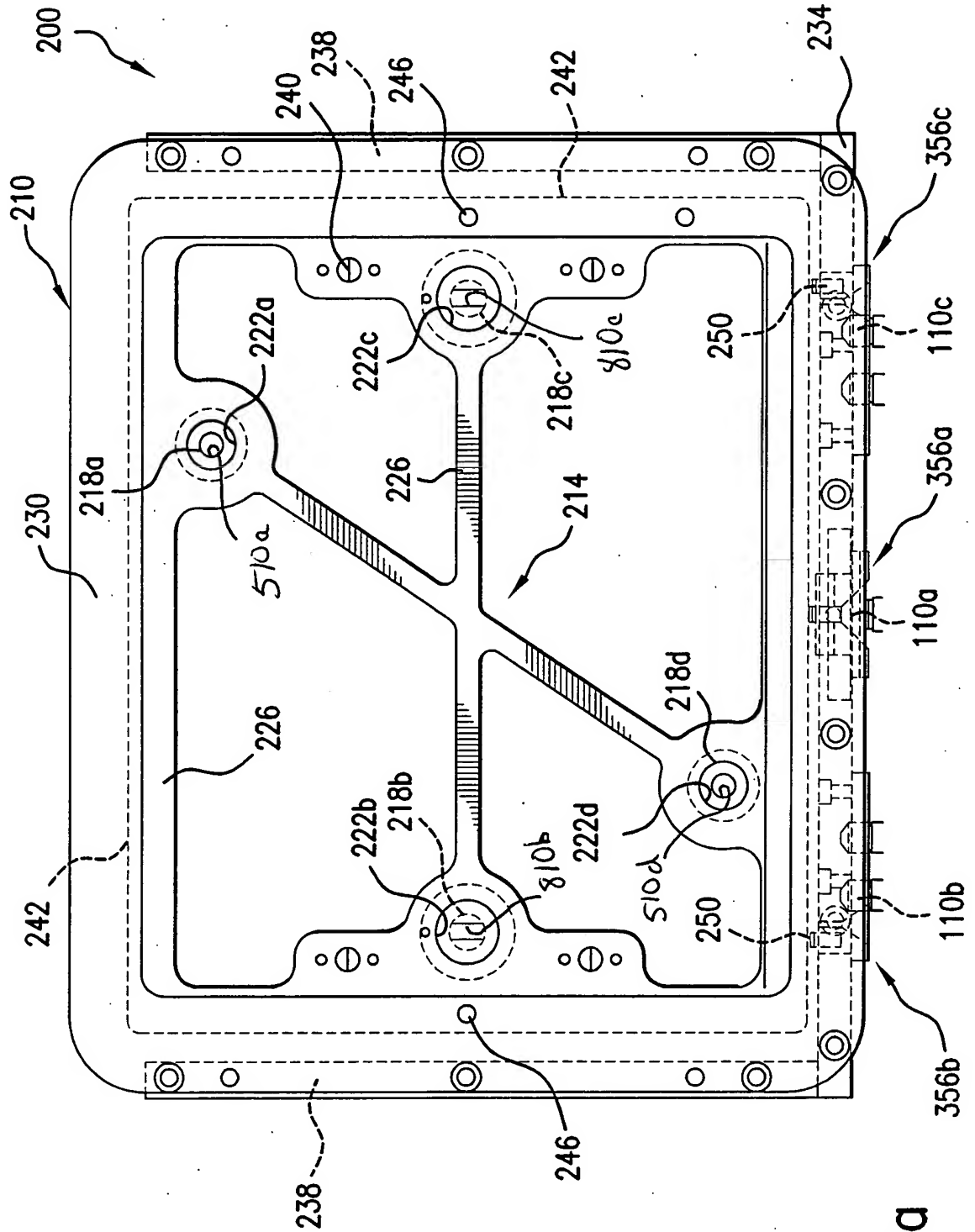


FIG. 3a



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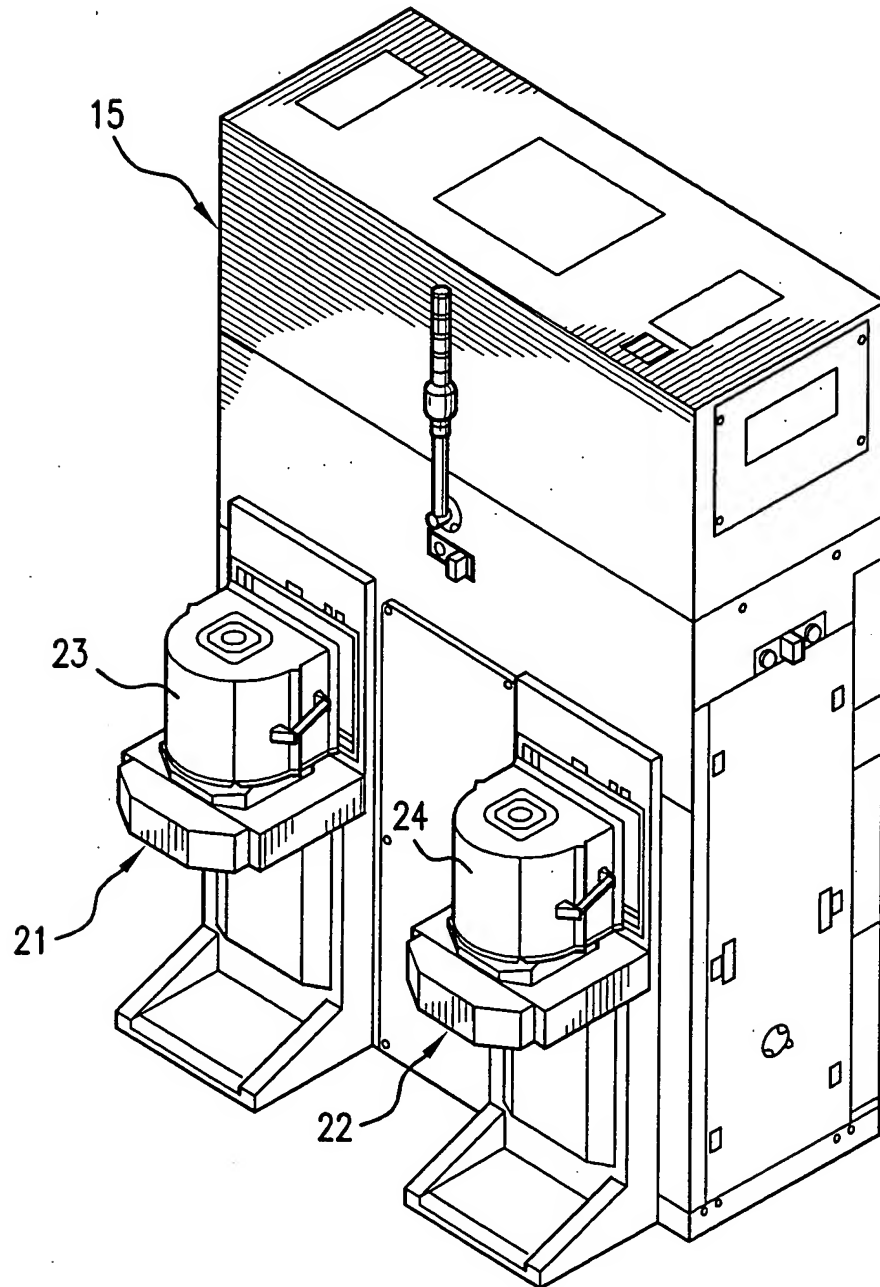


FIG. 2
(PRIOR ART)



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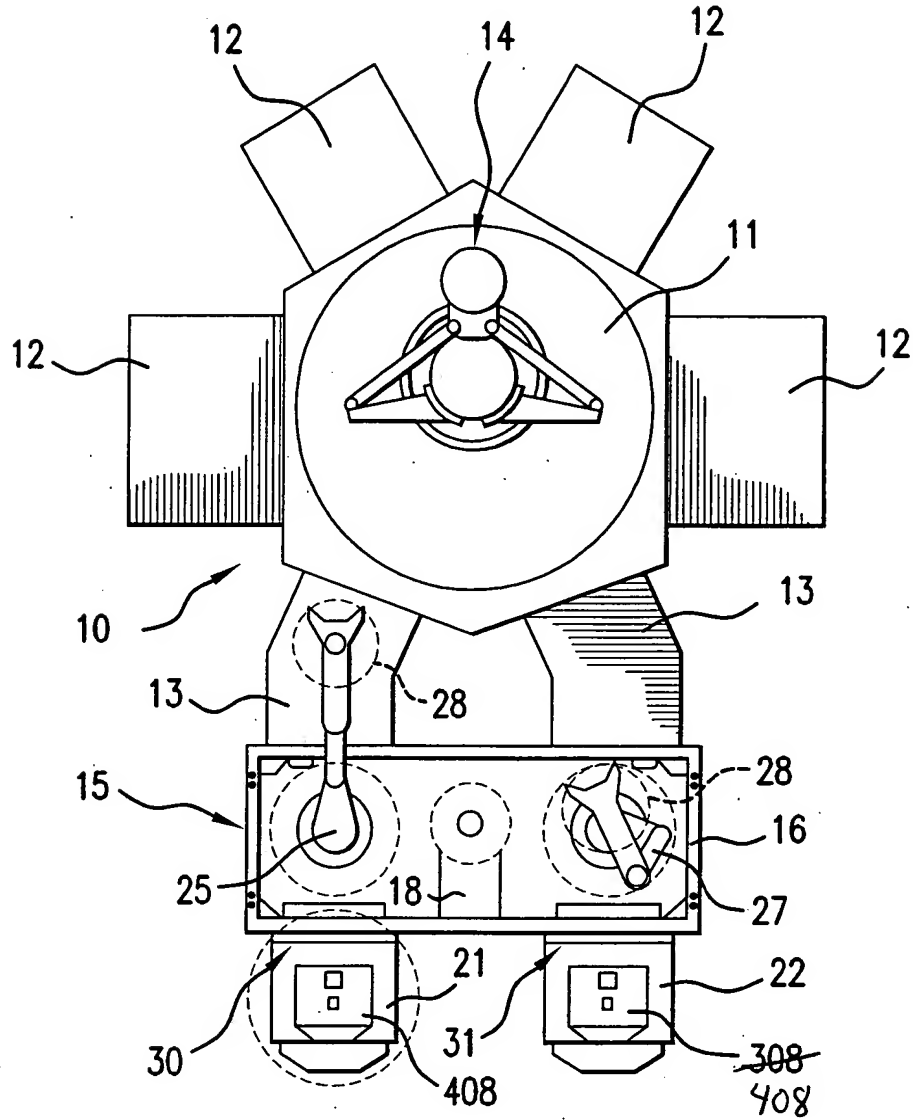


FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)